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Porcupinefish

Diodon hystrix

The Porcupinefish, also known as the long-spined porcupinefish, is a medium-sized marine fish recognized for its ability to inflate its body and erect sharp spines as a defense mechanism. It has a ro...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Diodontidae

Habitat: Coral reefs and rocky coastal areas

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-15 years

Weight: 1-2.8 kg

Scientific name: *Diodon hystrix*

Did you know?

- Unlike pufferfish, porcupinefish have both spines and toxins as dual defense mechanisms, making them especially difficult for predators to eat.
- Porcupinefish can inflate their bodies by swallowing water or air to deter predators. Their tissues contain a potent toxin called tetrodotoxin, makin...

What I learned
